

CITIZENS PLAN  
GREAT MARCH  
ON COUNCILS

Leaders of Civic Bodies  
Urge Transit Meet-  
ing on City Hall  
Plaza Thursday.

Controversy Between Admin-  
istration Officials and States-  
bury Will Not Be Allowed  
to Interfere With Demon-  
stration.

Mayor Blankenburg Says He May  
Not Make Public Reply to Latest  
Telegram From Traction Magnate  
Demanding Retraction of Charges  
of Directors.

"On to Councils!" the battle slogan in  
the fight for real rapid transit, today is  
resounding through every ward and vot-  
ing division in Philadelphia.

Answering the call to arms  
issued by the Citizens' Com-  
mittee of One Thousand, an  
awakened city today is mar-  
shaling forces for a great  
public demonstration on Thursday after-  
noon, when Councils will meet to con-  
sider the "fake" transit ordinance re-  
ported by the Finance Committee on  
February 18.

Business organizations, trade bodies,  
patriotic associations and independent  
and progressive citizens in every section  
of Philadelphia are ready to march upon  
City Hall. By the force of public opinion  
they will seek to compel Councils to re-  
spond to their demands.

The controversy between Adminis-  
tration officials and Edward T. Statesbury,  
it was declared this morning, would not  
be allowed to interfere with the plans.  
A second telegram from Mr. Statesbury  
reached Mayor Blankenburg yesterday  
afternoon. In it the banker made another  
and more emphatic demand that the  
Mayor repudiate the charges against the  
Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company  
made by Directors Taylor and Norris.

There will probably be no reply to the  
second Statesbury telegram by Mayor  
Blankenburg today. He was asked  
whether the sharp tone of the two  
Statesbury communications might not be  
regarded as marking a critical point in  
the administration's relations with the  
banker.

"I don't regard the present situation as  
a crisis," the Mayor replied. "The trans-  
it matter is of great importance, but at  
present does not, to my mind, take on  
the appearance of seriousness. Mr.  
Statesbury's telegram reached me late  
yesterday afternoon and I have not yet  
considered whether I shall make a public  
reply. I have been very busy since it  
arrived. I will take it up. I don't  
expect to issue any formal statement to-  
day." The Mayor did not appear to be  
perturbed by the attitude of Mr. States-

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## THE WEATHER



## CLOUDY

Say what you like, and in spite of ex-  
pert statements to the contrary, we  
don't have good, old-fashioned winters  
any more. No better evidence of the  
truth of this is required than the row  
of skating club houses that line the  
Schuylkill river banks in Fairmount  
Park. Thirty years ago, from this test-  
imony, there must have been considerable  
ice on the river each winter to justify  
the building of houses that would not  
give a return on the investment without  
ice. This winter there have been one or  
maybe two days when skaters were per-  
mitted on the ice there. And the en-  
joyment of the sport on even the small  
ponds and lakes has been limited to not  
more than several days at the most.  
That the skating enthusiasm among the  
younger generation has not died as a  
result is a great tribute to the greatest  
of winter recreations. But we know a  
sport that can be played all the year  
round and has something on skating at  
that—

## FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—  
Partly cloudy and warmer this after-  
noon and tonight.  
For details, see page 2.

## Observations at Philadelphia

Barometer	8 A. M.
Temperature	29.38
Wind	West, 14 miles
Relative humidity	73
Precipitation last 24 hours	None
Maximum temperature	31
Minimum temperature	22

## On the Pacific Coast

San Francisco	Weather, clear.	Temp. 48
San Diego	Weather, cloudy.	Temp. 48

## Almanac of the Day

Day	Time
Sun sets	6:52 p. m.
Moon rises	10:11 a. m.
Daylight	11:13 p. m.

## Lamps to Be Lighted

Ants and other vehicles	6:48 p. m.
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## The Tides

Low water	5:52 a. m.
High water	11:13 a. m.
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## REEDY ISLAND

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REPORT ZAPATISTAS HAVE  
ATTACKED MEXICO CITY

Massacre Feared in Capital—All  
Wires Are Cut.

GALVESTON, Tex., March 2.—Unoffi-  
cial reports received here from Vera  
Cruz today state Zapatistas attacked  
Mexico City last night, after the electric  
wires within the capital had been cut. It  
is feared a massacre is in progress there.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Railroad  
traffic between Vera Cruz and Mexico  
City will be suspended except for mili-  
tary purposes after today, the State De-  
partment was notified this afternoon. The  
news was believed to mark a crisis. It  
was also announced the port of Progresso  
was closed.

SUNDAY LASHES BIG  
'PILLARS OF CHURCH'  
IN STIRRING SERMON

Evangelist Assails Clergy-  
men Who Strive for  
Wealthy and Socially  
Prominent Congrega-  
tions.

AT THE TABERNACLE TODAY.  
2 p. m.—Mr. Sunday delivered his  
sermon, "For Seeing the Multitude,  
He Went Most With Compassion."  
7 p. m.—Mr. Sunday delivered his  
sermon, "How Shall We Escape If  
We Neglect Salvation?"

STATISTICS.  
Approximate grand total  
attendance ..... 2,120,000  
Total converts in date ..... 32,159  
Sermons preached ..... 129  
Remaining to be preached ..... 23

Clergymen and church members who are  
seeking wealthy and socially prominent  
persons for membership in their congrega-  
tions in preference to "ordinary folk,"  
came in for a verbal lashing from "Billy"  
Sunday in the tabernacle this afternoon.  
The evangelist declared his belief that  
one-half of the church members have  
never been converted and that the great-  
est need of the church was for those  
within her to "get right with God" and  
then become active in saving others for  
Christ.

"You make me tired," he sneered into  
the faces of the multitude that crowded  
the great wooden temple, "trying to get  
the rich ducks into the church and pass-  
ing up the ordinary people. You're the  
biggest fool living if you say you love  
God and do not believe in Christ as His  
Son. You must have fellowship with the  
Lord to be born again. One-half of the  
people in the churches don't have any  
religious experience. I believe one-half  
of them have never been converted. The  
first evidence of Christianity is the reach-  
ing out for the unsaved, not for some  
person with wealth and social influence,  
but for the ordinary people who make up  
the masses of the country. If you give  
the best that is in you for God He will  
give you more. If you don't do any-  
thing you will love what you have."

The evangelist said that he was led to  
preach this sermon, which was on "Com-  
passion," because of the remark a certain  
pastor made when a family of six persons  
was admitted into his congregation. The  
pastor said, "They will add numbers, but  
not wealth and influence, to my church."

## THE WITHERED HAND.

"Billy" compared many of the people in  
the church to the man with the withered  
hand, and said they should follow the  
example of that man in order to become  
of service and undergo real religious ex-  
perience.

"Suppose that man had wrapped his  
withered hand in a napkin and never tried  
to use it. He never would have been  
privileged to do so," the evangelist de-  
clared. Then, continuing, he said: "That's  
the trouble with the people in the church.  
They have wriggle-tails in their experi-  
ence. They get a little religious experi-  
ence and then stop. They go to Sunday  
going to card parties, drinking beer, wine  
and champagne during the week. God  
doesn't care for rummage sales, oyster  
suppers and those things that occupy so  
much of your time. He needs men and women  
who are willing to go out and win every man  
and woman with whom they come in con-  
tact for Christ."

He told of women and women who have  
been truly converted to do His work. A  
mistake is made in putting unconverted  
people to work. You can see them as  
teachers in the Sunday schools, as trust-  
ees and in the choir. One of the great  
Lords of people sing for money, for show  
or for compliments. They sing for almost  
anything except for the kingdom of God."

## HITS RICH MEMBERS.

Intemperance among the "rich ducks"  
in the churches of Philadelphia also re-  
ceived some stinging words from the  
evangelist. Pointing his finger into the  
faces of the audience, while he leaned  
far over the pulpit, "Billy" yelled:  
"Some of the biggest boozeholers in  
Philadelphia start in the church. They  
live on commercial life, and are doing more  
to damn Philadelphia than any saloon in the  
city."

## TOO SLOW WITH GUN

Alleged Burglar From Gotham Caught  
in Spring Garden Street Store.

When Policeman O'Brien, of the 10th  
and Buttonwood streets station, looked  
through a broken window into the store  
of James Gillard, at the southeast cor-  
ner of 10th and Spring Garden streets,  
early this morning, he saw what he  
thought was the figure of a man. A few  
moments earlier he had heard the sound  
of smashing glass. A south-bound 10th  
street car was passing and O'Brien  
shouted to the workman to drop off at  
Buttonwood street and warn the 8th dis-  
trict police station.

Special Officers Weckesser and Haines,  
who came in response, and O'Brien en-  
tered the store cautiously by the rear  
door. A board creaked and the figure of  
a man, outlined against the window,  
reached toward a revolver lying on the  
counter. Haines jumped and got it first.  
Then all three fell on the man. When ar-  
rived before Magistrate Belcher he said  
he was James Donahue, of New York. He  
was held without bail for trial.

## SPRING TREE SURGEONS AT WORK IN INDEPENDENCE SQUARE



Another sign of approaching spring is the sight of the pruning and trimming going on in the parks and gardens of the city, where superfluous limbs and decayed wood are being removed in preparation for a renewed season of growth. The historic old trees that border the walks leading from Independence Hall have been receiving special attention.

ALLIES WRECK MORE  
DARDANELLES FORTS;  
GALE HALTS ATTACK

Batteries Guarding Nar-  
rowest Part of Strait  
Destroyed by Furious  
Bombardment of Big  
Warships.

## ATHENS, March 2.

The international fleet bombarding the  
Turkish forts on the Dardanelles threw  
more than 1000 shells against the interior  
works on both sides of the waterway on  
Monday, according to a report from  
Salamonika. Afterward a gale, which swept  
in from the Aegean Sea, caused the ships  
to roll so that accurate shooting was im-  
possible, and the bombardment ceased.

According to the reports received here,  
fire from the guns of the allied fleet has  
destroyed the batteries of Kilit Bahr and  
Pert Sultan (Chanak Kalesi) which  
guard the entrance to the narrowest part  
of the straits.

A Russian admiral delegated to attend  
a council of British and French admirals  
has joined the Anglo-French fleet.  
According to reports received from Con-  
stantinople today, Prince Sabah-Eddin  
has telegraphed the Sultan urging him  
to conclude peace with the Allies quickly in  
order to prevent a catastrophe to Tur-  
key.

Turkish troop trains, moving southward  
from Constantinople, to reinforce the  
Dardanelles forts on the European side,  
have been heavily bombarded by a British  
battleship in the Gulf of Saros.

The warships' guns were also trained  
on a Turkish fortification on the north  
shore of Gallipoli Peninsula, near Bulair.  
The Athens dispatch confirmed previous  
reports that the allied fleet plans to send  
a landing party ashore above Bulair to  
seize the lighthouse.

It is reported from Athens that Esad  
Pasha, the Turkish defender of Janina in  
the Balkan War, has been placed in  
command of the Turkish land forces on  
the Asiatic side.

According to the indications conveyed  
in dispatches from Athens, Vice Admiral  
Sackville H. Carden's fleet will next con-  
centrate its attack upon the inner forts  
of Chanak, Karajouren and Cam-Kaleli.  
The first two of these are upon the Asiatic  
side; the last named upon the European  
side.

The land operations are expected to de-  
velop on a scale sufficient to cause the  
withdrawal of the Turkish army of inva-  
sion from Egypt.

170 MINERS ENTOMBED  
BY AN EXPLOSION OF GAS

Fire in Mine Blocks Rescue Work.  
Injured Men Found.

LAYLAND, W. Va., March 2.—One hun-  
dred and seventy men were entombed in  
mine No. 2 of the New River and Poca-  
hontas Consolidated Coal Company by a  
gas explosion today.

Fire in the mine is blocking the rescue  
crews. One party fought its way for  
nearly half a mile into the mine shortly  
before noon, finding two men, both of  
whom are seriously injured and probably  
will die.

MUSCOVITE OFFENSIVE  
DRIVES ENEMY BACK,  
REPORT IN PETROGRAD

North Poland Invaders  
Retiring on Thorn and  
Soldau—Berlin Declares  
Positions Are Maintained  
in East and West.

## Forward movement along a front of

60 miles in North Poland is officially  
asserted in Petrograd. Loss of 20  
miles by the Germans is claimed, and  
according to the Slav War Office the  
invaders are being forced back upon  
the East Prussian cities of Soldau and  
Thorn. The army that reoccupied  
Prasnyss has captured 10,000 addi-  
tional prisoners in its later operations,  
it is claimed.

Berlin, acknowledging resumption of  
the Slav offensive, maintains that Von  
Hindenburg's army is holding ground.  
Maintenance of position in France is  
announced, despite the admitted heavy  
offensive of the Allies.

A Slav offensive, resumed in Buko-  
vina and Eastern Galicia, threatens  
severing Austro-German communica-  
tions in this field, according to dis-  
patches from the front to Petrograd,  
where belief is expressed that Stanislau,  
the Galician railway centre, will  
soon fall. Battle for possession of  
Czernowitz is on, and the Austrians  
are reported as having taken their  
stand two miles north of the city. In  
the Carpathians, Austro-German at-  
tacks in mass formation against Lip-  
koff Pass have cost the assailants dear,  
it is said.

## Other War News on Page 4

## "A YEAR UNDER NERO"

It is not a story of the hated Em-  
peror who added while Rome  
burned. It is a story of municipal  
politics, the debauchery of an Ameri-  
can city. Yet the two stories are  
much alike. Neroism is hardly  
worse than political bossism. Terre  
Haute's experience is abundant  
proof, in general and in particular, is  
only an example of what happens;  
indeed, what has happened and  
what is happening in other cities.  
One cannot read of

## TERRE HAUTE

without seeing Philadelphia. Essen-  
tially the two cases are parallel.  
The incidents are similar, sometimes  
almost identical. The remarkable  
conditions and events which sank  
Terre Haute into the lowest depths of  
political degradation and then  
lifted it up to self-respect and civic  
decency are clearly described in a  
series of articles, the third of which,  
complete in itself, will appear to-  
morrow on the editorial pages of the  
EVENING LEDGER

PROSPERITY DEMANDS  
MORE GOVERNMENT  
CONTROL, SAYS REA

President of P. R. R., in  
Annual Report to Stock-  
holders, Pleads for  
Greater Exercise of Pow-  
ers by Commission.

President Samuel Rea, of the Pennsyl-  
vania Railroad, in his annual report to  
the stockholders of the company, urges  
that the Interstate Commerce Commission  
be given greater powers through the  
amendment of Federal laws, so that the  
commission, by specific provisions in  
these laws, be empowered to strengthen  
the railroads of the country. If this were  
done, he holds, it would encourage the  
investment of private capital and materi-  
ally help strengthen the railroads and  
help in the expansion of their facilities  
and service.

"The commission should be enlarged and  
so organized as to be able to deal  
promptly with important railroad ques-  
tions, which, under the existing scheme  
of Governmental regulation, must be con-  
sidered by it," says President Rea.  
That the Interstate Commerce Commis-  
sioners should be taken out of politics in  
order to further this work, is also urged  
by President Rea.

"The position of a commissioner should  
be placed beyond political influence by a  
long tenure of office," he says, "and  
the compensation should be sufficient to  
attract and retain men of the widest ex-  
perience and the greatest ability."  
"The regulatory powers of the Commis-

PROPOSE BILL TO ABOLISH  
PUBLIC SERVICE BODY

Measure Would Substitute Board for  
Present Commission.

## [FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 2.—A bill  
to abolish the Public Service Commission  
and to replace it with a board similar  
to the former State Railroad Commission  
was introduced in the House by Repre-  
sentative Joshua W. Swartz, of Dauphin  
County, today.

The proposed new board would consist  
of five members, appointed by the Gov-  
ernor for terms of four, five, six, seven  
and eight years, respectively. The salaries  
of the commissioners would also be cut  
from \$10,000, which is the amount the  
present commissioners receive, to \$6000  
a year. The measure carries an approxi-  
mation of \$45,000 for the salaries of clerks  
and stenographers.

Under the provisions of the Swartz bill  
one member of the proposed board must  
be a lawyer who has had at least 10  
years' experience in the courts of Penn-  
sylvania. He is to act as chairman of  
the board. The bill further specifies that  
another member must be a man ex-  
perienced in railroad management, and  
that a third member must be a railroad  
employee. The proposed act would go  
into effect on July 1 next.

## NO EXTRA SENATE SESSION

WASHINGTON, March 2.—President  
Wilson today told callers that he had no  
idea of calling a special session of the  
Senate directly following the close of the  
present session. The same was true of  
the proposal to call one in October, he  
said.

PLOT TO BLOW UP CHURCHES,  
BANKS AND HOUSES OF RICH  
REVEALED IN NEW YORKYOUNG MAN KILLED IN AUTO  
DASH; GIRL UNINJURED

Owner of Machine Meets Death When  
Car Turns Turtle.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., March 2.—In a wild  
dash over mountain roads, Joseph P.  
Roley, 27 years old, of Belle Vernon, was  
instantly killed, and his companion, Ber-  
tha Jones, a manicurist, of Pittsburgh,  
escaped practically unharmed, when their  
automobile turned turtle in Hopwood,  
near here, today.

Roley came here yesterday as a juror  
at the March term of Criminal Court. He  
purchased an automobile at the local auto  
show and last night stopped in a barber  
shop where the girl worked as a manicurist.  
He invited her for a ride in his  
new auto.

They were returning to Uniontown this  
morning, and, according to Miss Jones,  
they were driving about 60 miles an hour.  
The auto suddenly swerved to one side  
of the road and then crashed into a stone  
pile. The machine turned over, both occu-  
pants being caught underneath.

GIRL KILLED IN HOTEL  
LURED BY PROMISE OF  
FUND FOR ILL HUSBAND

Friends of Mrs. Hall Say  
St. Clair, Who Ended  
His Life After Murder-  
ing Her, Offered Her  
Work as Movie Actress.

A web of conflicting stories, some  
sordid and some that tell of a beautiful  
woman's wonderful self-sacrifice for love  
of her ailing husband, is being woven  
today around the tragedy of murder and  
suicide enacted last night in a bathroom  
of the Hotel Windsor, in Filbert street.

The woman has been identified as Mrs.  
Edna Hall, wife of Harry Hall, who is  
dying of tuberculosis at Waterbury,  
Conn. The man who killed her with a  
revolver bullet and then ended his own  
life was Charles C. St. Clair, ex-pupil,  
a taxicab driver of New York city.

Friends of the woman in New York  
say she was lured away by promises of  
employment in this city as a moving  
picture actress. This theory of the case  
is partially substantiated in dispatches  
from Waterbury. Her friends say she  
cared nothing for St. Clair and went  
with him only in the hope of raising  
funds to send her husband to the West,  
where he might have a chance to re-  
cover.

Against this tale detectives at work on  
the case place the evidence they have  
gathered. This is to the effect that the  
woman had been perfectly happy with  
St. Clair at the hotel. There also is a  
letter written to the man by the woman  
a few hours before she died by his hand.  
In it he is addressed in terms of endear-  
ment.

## "LURED TO THIS CITY."

Miss H. Ramey, of 217 West 34th street,  
New York, says Mrs. Hall was lured to  
this city.

"Mrs. Hall worked in a drug store  
here," she said, "earning just enough to  
make ends meet and send little things to  
her husband. She told me time and again  
that she must try to get a position that  
would permit her to send him away for  
treatment."

"St. Clair bothered her to death, but  
she never would go any place with him.  
Last Saturday he told her he had found  
a fine position for her in Philadelphia.  
She told me about it as she was leaving  
in the afternoon. She was so happy."

"Now I can take care of Harry," she  
said, as she went out the door.  
The story from Waterbury is that the  
former Edna Potter had been fired for  
years by an all-consuming ambition to  
act on the stage. She was twice married,  
her first husband having been Hubert  
Nixon, an actor and composer. She di-  
vorced him and married Hall last October.  
He is an engineer at Waterbury.

The father and mother of Mrs. Hall,  
who live at Waterbury, have not yet  
been told of the tragedy. Her husband  
fears it will kill them. He was terribly  
shocked by the news of his wife's tragic  
death.

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SIX TOWNS GO "DRY,"  
ONE "WET," IN STATE

Returns From 178 Places Show Seven  
Changes on Liquor Question.

BOSTON, March 2.—Returns received  
today from 178 towns holding annual  
meetings show that seven changed sides  
on the liquor question. Clinton went  
"dry" for the first time since 1906; Athol,  
Norfolk, Oxford, Shelburne and Natick  
also went "dry." Leominster went "wet"  
by 12 votes.  
Middleton voted "wet" by a large ma-  
jority.

## FRAUD SUSPECT HELD

Irving Smith, a resident of New Bed-  
ford, Conn., was arrested today in this  
city by Postal Inspector S. O. Wynne on  
a charge of fraudulently using the mails.  
Smith, it is alleged, advertised his inten-  
tion of opening a clothing store at 27  
South street and then bought stock from  
Levy & Markowitz, of 81 Broadway, New  
York. According to Paul N. Tracy, of  
the New York Credit Men's Association,  
upon whose complaint the arrest was  
made, Smith had no thought of opening  
the store. Tracy charged that he made  
no payment for the goods, although he  
discussed them for \$150.

Arrest of Anarchist  
With Bomb in Cath-  
edral Uncovers Amazing  
Conspiracy.

Reign of Terror, in Which As-  
sassination of the Rockefel-  
lers, Vanderbilt and Car-  
negie Was Planned, Blocked  
by Detective Work.

Crime Which Imperiled 700 Worship-  
ers Frustrated by Man in Garb of  
Ecclesiastic, Who Seizes Would-  
be Murderer as He Lights Ex-  
plosive While in Attitude of Prayer

NEW YORK, March 2.—An amazing  
bomb plot concocted by anarchists—one  
designed to raze religious and financial  
edifices and the homes of John D. Rocke-  
feller, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Cornelius  
Vanderbilt and Andrew Carnegie, all of  
whom were marked for death—was re-  
vealed today when an attempt was made  
to destroy St. Patrick's Cathedral in 5th  
avenue.

Police investigation, following the clever  
work of detectives frustrating the effort  
to wreck the splendid place of worship,  
revealed the tremendous extent of the  
reign of terror which the anarchists had  
planned to inaugurate. Banks were to  
be raided and wholesale assassinations of  
rich and prominent men were planned.  
Armed with rifles and shotguns, lawless  
bands were to appear in all parts of the  
city shooting and robbing.

## BOMB IN CATHEDRAL

A lighted bomb was placed in the Cath-  
edral while more than 700 men and women  
were attending early mass. The infernal  
machine was a powerful one, capable of  
killing a score or more of persons had it  
exploded, but the fuse was extinguished  
by a detective who had learned of the  
anarchists' plot after being admitted to  
membership in their organization.

As he extinguished the fuse, other  
detectives arrested Frank Baldo, 34  
years old, and Charles Carbone, 18 years  
old. In the possession of Baldo two  
bombs were found. Carbone is said to be  
the man who made the bombs. The two  
men are believed to be members of the  
Brooklyn gang of anarchists.

## SLEUTH IN ANARCHIST GUISE

Shortly after the arrest of Baldo and  
Carbone the police also took into cus-  
tody Frank Baldo, 23 years old, who said  
he was a laborer.  
An example of the intricacy of the de-  
tectives' plans was shown when Baldo  
proved to be not an anarchist, but a de-  
fective in disguise. His real identity was  
not known until he had been taken to Po-  
lice Commissioner Woods that he was not  
a real member of the anarchist band, but  
a sleuth who had been on the trail of  
the criminals.

Not since the Haymarket riots in Chi-  
cago, when a number of persons were  
killed by bombs, has there been revealed  
such a campaign of violence as the anar-  
chists intended should follow the destruc-  
tion of the cathedral.

## ARRESTED ANARCHIST DEFIANT.

The arrest of Baldo in the cathedral  
caused excitement among the worshippers.  
The prisoner was marched down the

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SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT  
PASSES COMMITTEE

Votes for Women Sure to Come  
Before People at Next No-  
vember Election.

## [FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]